

### REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 7, 2007. Claims 1 to 10, and 12 are in the application. Claims 1, 5, 9, 10, and 12 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies and thoughtful treatment afforded to Applicant's undersigned representative during the September 20, 2007 telephonic interview with the Examiner. Applicant submits that the foregoing amendments accurately reflect the substance of the interview.

Turning to the Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,525,888 (Toya). Claims 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Toya and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,631,677 (Horigome) and U.S. Patent No. 6,563,766 (Nakamiya). Claims 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Toya in view of Horigome. During the interview, the Examiner tentatively indicated that the foregoing amendments would overcome the rejections. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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